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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1/]

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:		Percent Change From:	
	DEC 1984	NOV 1984	DEC 1983	NOV 1984	DEC 1983	NOV 1984	DEC 1983
NEBRASKA							
Civilian Labor Force	792,876	795,549	776,222	-2,673	16,654	-0.3	2.1
Employment	753,397	761,552	734,240	-8,155	19,157	-1.1	2.6
Unemployment	39,479	33,997	41,982	5,482	-2,503	16.1	6.0
Unemployment Rate 2/	5.0	4.3	5.4	0.7	-0.4	--	--
OMAHA SMSA 3/							
Civilian Labor Force	296,275	294,552	291,442	1,723	4,833	0.6	1.7
Employment	280,930	280,939	275,685	-9	5,245	*	1.9
Unemployment	15,345	13,613	15,757	1,723	-412	-12.7	-2.6
Unemployment Rate 2/	5.2	4.6	5.4	0.6	-0.2	--	--
LINCOLN SMSA 4/							
Civilian Labor Force	111,979	111,367	109,132	612	2,847	0.5	2.6
Employment	108,210	108,255	104,796	-45	3,414	-*	3.3
Unemployment	3,769	3,112	4,336	657	-567	21.1	-13.1
Unemployment Rate 2/	3.4	2 8	4.0	0.6	-0.6	--	--

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1982 benchmark, and all months are comparable.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon residence.
3/ Omaha SMSA defined as Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa
4/ The Lincoln SMSA defined as Lancaster County. 5/ Beginning with January 1985 data, the Omaha MSA will include Washington County.
* Represents less than 0.5 percent.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DATA **1
JOB COUNT - WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	DEC **2 1984	NOV **3 1984	DEC **3 1983	CHANGE FROM NOV 1984	CHANGE FROM DEC 1984	PERCENT CHANGE FROM DEC 1983
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	639,492	642,042	617,364	-2,550	+22,128	+3.6
MANUFACTURING	90,106	90,475	87,871	-369	+2,235	+2.5
DURABLE GOODS	45,092	45,411	43,922	-319	+1,170	+2.7
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	4,490	4,590	4,389	-100	+101	+2.3
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FURNITURE	1,760	1,786	1,899	-26	-139	-7.3
STONE, CLAY, GLASS & CONCRETE PRODUCTS	2,730	2,804	2,490	-74	+240	+9.6
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	1,790	1,907	1,679	-17	+111	+6.6
METALS	7,680	7,571	7,539	+109	+141	+1.9
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	1,383	1,410	1,354	-27	+29	+2.1
FABRICATED METAL PROD., EXCEPT MACH. & TRANSP. EQUIP.	6,297	6,161	6,185	+136	+112	+1.8
MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	11,900	11,907	11,589	-7	+311	+2.7
FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	5,739	5,725	5,836	+14	-97	-1.7
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	9,871	10,055	8,863	-184	+1,008	+11.4
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	4,430	4,588	4,687	-158	-257	-5.5
MOTOR VEHICLES & MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	2,462	2,583	2,633	-121	-171	-6.5
OTHER DURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS, TOYS & SPORTING GOODS, COSTUME JEWELRY & NOTIONS, ETC.)	4,931	4,893	5,176	+38	-245	-4.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	45,014	45,064	43,949	-50	+1,065	+2.4
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	25,758	25,767	25,008	-9	+750	+3.0
MEAT PRODUCTS	14,145	14,120	13,071	+25	+1,074	+8.2
DAIRY PRODUCTS	1,525	1,545	1,542	-20	-17	-1.1
GRAIN MILL	3,663	3,607	3,880	+56	-217	-5.6
OTHER FOOD PROD. (INCL. CANNED & PRESERVED PROD., BAKERY PROD., SUGAR & CONFECT. PROD., BEVERAGES, ETC.)	6,425	6,495	6,515	-70	-90	-1.4
TEXTILE PRODUCTS & APPAREL	1,826	1,809	1,806	+17	+20	+1.1
PRINTING, PUBLISHING & ALLIED INDUSTRIES	8,444	8,374	8,254	+70	+190	+2.3
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	2,570	2,560	2,530	+10	+40	+1.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING RUBBER & MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS, PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS, ETC.)	6,416	6,554	6,351	-138	+65	+1.0
NONMANUFACTURING	549,386	551,567	529,493	-2,181	+19,893	+3.8
MINING	1,822	1,848	1,575	-26	+247	+15.7
CONSTRUCTION	20,510	23,090	19,476	-2,580	+1,034	+5.3
BUILDING CONST. - GEN. CONT. & OPERATIVE BUILDERS	5,876	6,764	5,556	-888	+320	+5.8
CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN BLDG. CONST. - GEN. CONTRACTORS	3,233	4,519	2,940	-1,286	+293	+10.0
CONSTRUCTION - SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	11,401	11,807	10,980	-406	+421	+3.8
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	42,253	42,276	43,557	-23	-1,304	-3.0
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	12,156	12,156	12,769	+0	-613	-4.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING BUSES AND TAXICABS, MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING, ETC.)	15,844	15,843	14,854	+1	+990	+6.7
COMMUNICATION & ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	14,253	14,277	15,934	-24	-1,681	-10.5

TRADE	164,494	163,014	160,020	+1,480	+4,474	+2.8
WHOLESALE	47,618	47,124	46,258	+494	+1,360	+2.9
DURABLE GOODS	21,589	21,617	21,653	-28	-64	-.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	26,029	25,507	24,605	+522	+1,424	+5.8
RETAIL	116,876	115,890	113,762	+986	+3,114	+2.7
BLDG. MAT., HARDWARE, GARDEN SUPPLY & MOBILE HOME DEALERS	4,636	4,643	4,842	-7	-206	-4.3
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	16,450	15,747	15,276	+703	+1,174	+7.7
FOOD STORES	17,788	17,619	17,018	+169	+770	+4.5
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS & GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS	15,103	15,110	14,532	-7	+571	+3.9
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	6,308	6,109	6,509	+199	-201	-3.1
FURNITURE, HOME FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT STORES	4,159	4,106	4,071	+53	+88	+2.2
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	40,093	40,380	38,860	-287	+1,233	+3.2
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	12,339	12,176	12,654	+163	-315	-2.5
DRUG STORES & PROPRIETARY STORES	3,827	3,776	3,937	+51	-110	-2.8
OTHER MISCEL. RETAIL (INCLUDING LIQUOR STORES, SPORTING GOOD STORES, JEWELRY, FLORISTS, ETC.)	8,512	8,400	8,717	+112	-205	-2.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	43,417	43,318	41,815	+99	+1,602	+3.8
BANKING	11,215	11,170	11,013	+45	+202	+1.8
INSURANCE	20,908	20,873	19,846	+35	+1,062	+5.4
REAL ESTATE	3,768	3,799	3,883	-31	-115	-3.0
OTHER FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE (INCL. CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS, SECURITY & COMMODITY EXCH. & SVCS., ETC.)	7,526	7,476	7,073	+50	+453	+6.4
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	132,229	132,419	125,994	-190	+6,235	+4.9
HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, CAMPS & OTHER LODGING PLACES	6,595	6,663	6,339	-68	+256	+4.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	7,746	7,696	6,975	+50	+771	+11.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	24,833	24,447	20,435	+386	+4,398	+21.5
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES & GARAGES	4,034	4,015	4,052	+19	-18	-.4
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION	8,101	8,121	7,001	-20	+1,100	+15.7
HEALTH SERVICES	44,572	44,652	45,567	-80	-995	-2.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	9,962	10,152	9,501	-190	+461	+4.9
SOCIAL SERVICES	6,212	6,234	6,195	-22	+17	+.3
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	8,411	8,411	8,486	+0	-75	-.9
OTHER SERVICES (INCLUDING LEGAL & OTHER PROF. SERVICES, MISC. REPAIR SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, ETC.)	11,763	12,028	11,443	-265	+320	+2.8
GOVERNMENT	144,661	145,602	137,856	-941	+7,605	+5.5
FEDERAL	17,467	17,327	17,214	+140	+253	+1.5
STATE	34,977	34,894	33,177	+83	+1,800	+5.4
LOCAL **4	92,217	93,381	86,665	-1,164	+5,552	+6.4

**1 SOURCE OF DATA- CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON THE MARCH 1983 BENCHMARK, AND ALL MONTHS ARE COMPARABLE.

**2 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.

**3 REVISED.

**4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INCLUDES ALL EMPLOYMENT IN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS BELOW THE STATE LEVEL, E.G., PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, CITY AND VILLAGE GOVERNMENT, COUNTY GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-OWNED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

NEBRASKA MONTHLY REPORT ON LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT*1 01/23/85

AREA NAME	YR/MO	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *2
STATEWIDE	84 11	795,549	761,552	33,997	4.3
	84 12	792,876	753,397	39,479	5.0
ADAMS	84 11	15,525	14,923	602	3.9
	84 12	15,602	14,860	742	4.8
ANTELOPE	84 11	4,131	3,961	170	4.1
	84 12	4,014	3,833	181	4.5
ARTHUR	84 11	249	246	3	1.2
	84 12	233	230	3	1.3
BANNER	84 11	318	303	15	4.7
	84 12	296	275	21	7.1
BLAINE	84 11	338	323	15	4.4
	84 12	334	301	33	9.9
BOONE	84 11	4,101	3,858	243	5.9
	84 12	3,930	3,677	253	6.4
BOX BUTTE	84 11	7,498	7,248	250	3.3
	84 12	7,455	7,210	245	3.3
BOYD	84 11	1,750	1,665	85	4.9
	84 12	1,655	1,584	71	4.3
BROWN	84 11	2,015	1,923	92	4.6
	84 12	1,976	1,864	112	5.7
BUFFALO	84 11	20,731	19,770	961	4.6
	84 12	20,586	19,582	1,004	4.9
BURT	84 11	4,055	3,801	254	6.3
	84 12	3,962	3,675	287	7.2
BUTLER	84 11	4,117	3,920	197	4.8
	84 12	4,064	3,795	269	6.6
CASS	84 11	8,453	8,045	408	4.8
	84 12	8,450	7,916	534	6.3
CEDAR	84 11	5,067	4,798	269	5.3
	84 12	4,887	4,587	300	6.1
CHASE	84 11	2,320	2,244	76	3.3
	84 12	2,247	2,185	62	2.8
CHERRY	84 11	3,215	3,037	178	5.5
	84 12	3,078	2,898	180	5.8
CHEYENNE	84 11	4,557	4,405	152	3.3
	84 12	4,485	4,324	161	3.6
CLAY	84 11	3,889	3,755	134	3.4
	84 12	3,838	3,671	167	4.4
COLFAX	84 11	3,902	3,691	211	5.4
	84 12	3,850	3,580	270	7.0
CUMING	84 11	6,090	5,853	237	3.9
	84 12	5,925	5,658	267	4.5
CUSTER	84 11	6,101	5,869	232	3.8
	84 12	5,985	5,657	328	5.5
DAKOTA	84 11	7,726	7,239	487	6.3
	84 12	7,742	7,176	566	7.3
DAWES	84 11	4,734	4,578	156	3.3
	84 12	4,718	4,505	213	4.5
DAWSON	84 11	11,350	10,531	819	7.2
	84 12	11,245	10,388	857	7.6
DEUEL	84 11	1,037	994	43	4.1
	84 12	1,006	962	44	4.4

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AREA NAME	YR/MO	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *2
DIXON	84 11	4,146	3,945	201	4.8
	84 12	4,026	3,849	177	4.4
DODGE	84 11	18,780	17,876	904	4.8
	84 12	18,775	17,753	1,022	5.4
DOUGLAS	84 11	205,852	196,407	9,445	4.6
	84 12	207,244	196,432	10,812	5.2
OMAHA CITY	84 11	160,741	152,578	8,163	5.1
	84 12	161,941	152,597	9,344	5.8
DUNDY	84 11	1,234	1,193	41	3.3
	84 12	1,197	1,150	47	3.9
FILLMORE	84 11	3,773	3,625	148	3.9
	84 12	3,680	3,482	198	5.4
FRANKLIN	84 11	2,069	2,022	47	2.3
	84 12	2,023	1,948	75	3.7
FRONTIER	84 11	1,856	1,793	63	3.4
	84 12	1,771	1,703	68	3.8
FURNAS	84 11	2,892	2,798	94	3.3
	84 12	2,874	2,720	154	5.4
GAGE	84 11	10,948	10,402	546	5.0
	84 12	10,848	10,275	573	5.3
GARDEN	84 11	1,005	976	29	2.9
	84 12	961	918	43	4.5
GARFIELD	84 11	1,576	1,499	77	4.9
	84 12	1,582	1,464	118	7.5
GOSPER	84 11	1,047	1,002	45	4.3
	84 12	1,034	963	71	6.9
GRANT	84 11	391	380	11	2.8
	84 12	402	362	40	10.0
GREELEY	84 11	1,545	1,483	62	4.0
	84 12	1,484	1,419	65	4.4
HALL	84 11	24,746	23,573	1,173	4.7
	84 12	24,915	23,492	1,423	5.7
HAMILTON	84 11	4,342	4,185	157	3.6
	84 12	4,276	4,073	203	4.7
HARLAN	84 11	2,607	2,531	76	2.9
	84 12	2,580	2,476	104	4.0
HAYES	84 11	531	510	21	4.0
	84 12	501	480	21	4.2
HITCHCOCK	84 11	1,811	1,739	72	4.0
	84 12	1,735	1,669	66	3.8
HOLT	84 11	5,860	5,394	466	8.0
	84 12	5,641	5,210	431	7.6
HOOKER	84 11	475	449	26	5.5
	84 12	453	435	18	4.0
HOWARD	84 11	2,770	2,649	121	4.4
	84 12	2,733	2,556	177	6.5
JEFFERSON	84 11	4,972	4,779	193	3.9
	84 12	4,899	4,678	221	4.5
JOHNSON	84 11	2,652	2,521	131	4.9
	84 12	2,628	2,441	187	7.1
KEARNEY	84 11	3,226	3,132	94	2.9
	84 12	3,146	3,055	91	2.9

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KEITH	84 11	5,160	4,953	207	4.0
	84 12	5,143	4,898	245	4.8
KEYA PAHA	84 11	433	419	14	3.2
	84 12	403	389	14	3.5
KIMBALL	84 11	2,784	2,725	59	2.1
	84 12	2,736	2,656	80	2.9
KNOX	84 11	4,989	4,698	291	5.8
	84 12	4,893	4,511	382	7.8
LINCOLN MSA *3	84 11	111,367	108,255	3,112	2.8
	84 12	111,979	108,210	3,769	3.4
LINCOLN CITY	84 11	100,254	97,402	2,852	2.8
	84 12	100,816	97,362	3,454	3.4
LINCOLN CNTY	84 11	17,163	16,048	1,115	6.5
	84 12	17,190	15,934	1,256	7.3
LOGAN	84 11	542	532	10	1.8
	84 12	538	508	30	5.6
LOUP	84 11	281	242	39	13.9
	84 12	318	225	93	29.2
MCPHERSON	84 11	133	116	17	12.8
	84 12	128	104	24	18.8
MADISON	84 11	17,455	16,664	791	4.5
	84 12	17,442	16,533	909	5.2
MERRICK	84 11	3,495	3,316	179	5.1
	84 12	3,398	3,199	199	5.9
MORRILL	84 11	2,368	2,255	113	4.8
	84 12	2,320	2,205	115	5.0
NANCE	84 11	1,915	1,783	132	6.9
	84 12	1,880	1,724	156	8.3
NEMAHA	84 11	3,540	3,351	189	5.3
	84 12	3,459	3,280	179	5.2
NUCKOLLS	84 11	3,325	3,217	108	3.2
	84 12	3,274	3,129	145	4.4
OTOE	84 11	7,062	6,737	325	4.6
	84 12	7,022	6,608	414	5.9
PAWNEE	84 11	2,355	2,270	85	3.6
	84 12	2,298	2,212	86	3.7
PERKINS	84 11	1,772	1,743	29	1.6
	84 12	1,752	1,686	66	3.8
PHELPS	84 11	4,580	4,457	123	2.7
	84 12	4,519	4,372	147	3.3
PIERCE	84 11	4,144	3,992	152	3.7
	84 12	4,131	3,847	284	6.9
PLATTE	84 11	16,462	15,718	744	4.5
	84 12	16,407	15,482	925	5.6
POLK	84 11	3,149	3,046	103	3.3
	84 12	3,083	2,951	132	4.3
RED WILLOW	84 11	5,021	4,766	255	5.1
	84 12	4,951	4,694	257	5.2
RICHARDSON	84 11	4,529	4,255	274	6.0
	84 12	4,497	4,144	353	7.8
ROCK	84 11	1,321	1,271	50	3.8
	84 12	1,284	1,240	44	3.4

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AREA NAME	YR/MO	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *2
SALINE	84 11	6,865	6,664	201	2.9
	84 12	6,785	6,583	202	3.0
SARPY	84 11	43,691	42,550	1,141	2.6
	84 12	43,816	42,555	1,261	2.9
SAUNDERS	84 11	7,589	7,182	407	5.4
	84 12	7,434	6,970	464	6.2
SCOTTS BLUFF	84 11	19,505	18,191	1,314	6.7
	84 12	19,437	18,033	1,404	7.2
SEWARD	84 11	6,648	6,445	203	3.1
	84 12	6,575	6,323	252	3.8
SHERIDAN	84 11	3,318	3,221	97	2.9
	84 12	3,226	3,132	94	2.9
SHERMAN	84 11	2,190	2,091	99	4.5
	84 12	2,136	2,021	115	5.4
SIOUX	84 11	703	686	17	2.4
	84 12	646	631	15	2.3
STANTON	84 11	4,097	3,954	143	3.5
	84 12	3,994	3,843	151	3.8
THAYER	84 11	3,235	3,136	99	3.1
	84 12	3,200	3,039	161	5.0
THOMAS	84 11	430	404	26	6.0
	84 12	438	394	44	10.0
THURSTON	84 11	3,418	3,130	288	8.4
	84 12	3,334	3,063	271	8.1
VALLEY	84 11	2,809	2,660	149	5.3
	84 12	2,765	2,564	201	7.3
WASHINGTON	84 11	5,916	5,615	301	5.1
	84 12	5,863	5,480	383	6.5
WAYNE	84 11	4,770	4,634	136	2.9
	84 12	4,744	4,539	205	4.3
WEBSTER	84 11	1,942	1,881	61	3.1
	84 12	1,896	1,810	86	4.5
WHEELER	84 11	439	418	21	4.8
	84 12	408	390	18	4.4
YORK	84 11	8,264	8,016	248	3.0
	84 12	8,163	7,889	274	3.4
OMAHA MSA *4	84 11	294,552	280,939	13,613	4.6
	84 12	296,275	280,930	15,345	5.2
OMAHA CONSOR*5	84 11	249,543	238,957	10,586	4.2
	84 12	251,059	238,987	12,072	4.8

*1 SOURCE OF DATA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAUS) PROGRAM
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

*2 RATIOS OF UNEMPLOYMENT TO THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE.

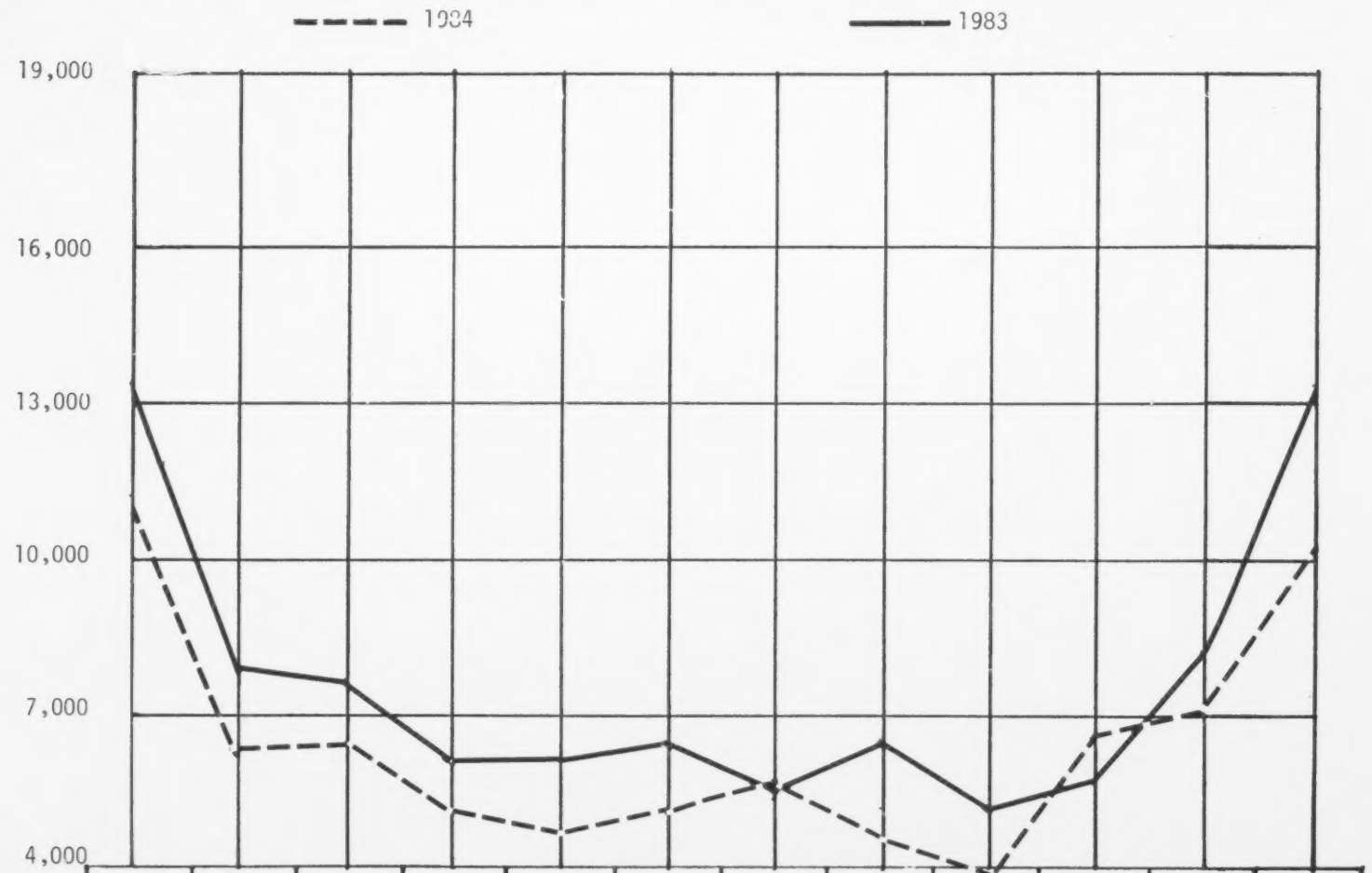
*3 LINCOLN MSA DEFINED AS LANCASTER COUNTY IN NEBRASKA.

*4 OMAHA MSA DEFINED AS DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES IN NEBRASKA AND POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY IN IOWA.

*5 OMAHA CONSORTIUM DEFINED AS DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES IN NEBRASKA (THE NEBRASKA PORTION OF THE OMAHA MSA.

STATE SUMMARY OF INITIAL CLAIMS 1/
BY MONTH

Unemployment Insurance Only
(Excludes Compensation For Federal Employees and Ex-Servicemen)

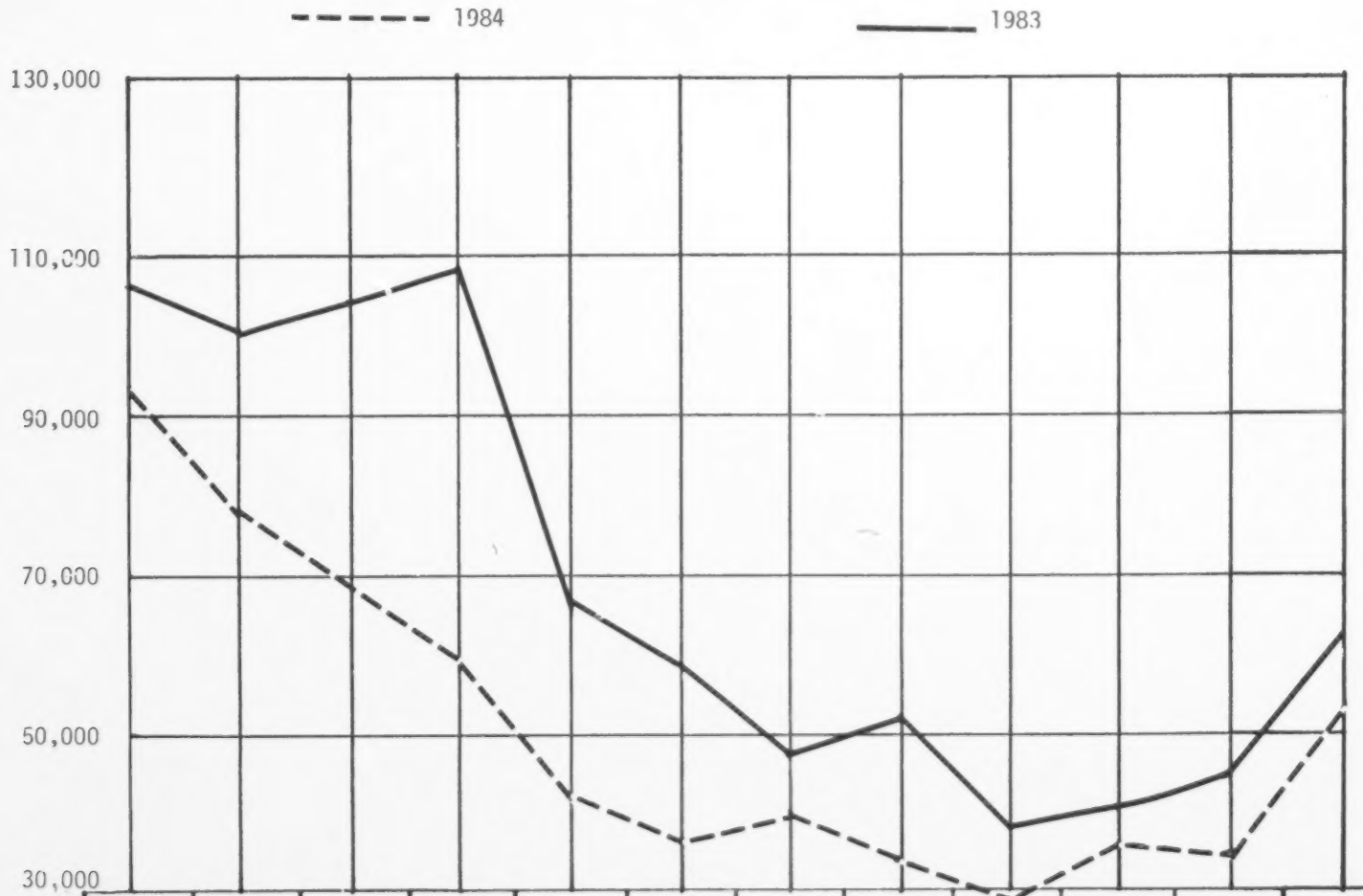


	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1983	13,439	7,758	7,717	6,509	6,524	6,608	5,444	6,862	5,008	5,644	8,425	13,254
1984	11,309	6,141	6,301	5,442	4,774	5,109	5,461	4,251	3,347	6,672	7,087	10,378

1/ Source of data: Claims and Payment Activities. (ES-159)

STATE SUMMARY OF CONTINUED CLAIMS 1/
BY MONTH

Unemployment Insurance Only
(Excludes Compensation For Federal Employees and Ex-Servicemen)



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1983	106,482	101,967	106,315	79,001	67,312	59,636	47,095	50,362	36,855	37,345	43,276	62,985
1984	92,292	77,133	69,258	60,660	43,800	35,036	41,152	33,083	27,049	35,518	35,507	52,962

1/ Source of data: Claims and Payment Activities. (ES-159)

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING 1/

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			CHANGE FROM:		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			CHANGE FROM:		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			CHANGE FROM	
	DEC 1984 2/	NOV 1984 3/	DEC 1983 3/	NOV 1984	DEC 1983	DEC 1984 2/	NOV 1984 3/	DEC 1983 3/	NOV 1984	DEC 1983	DEC 1984 2/	NOV 1984 3/	DEC 1983 3/	NOV 1984	DEC 1983
NEBRASKA															
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$356.66	$352.63	$363.45	$ 4.03	$ -6.79	40.3	39.8	40.7	0.5	0.4	$ 8.85	$ 8.86	$ 8.93	$-0.01	$ 0.08
Durable Goods	$369.55	$369.44	$375.42	$ 0.11	$ -5.87	40.3	40.2	41.3	0.1	-1.0	$ 9.17	$ 9.19	$ 9.09	$-0.02	$ 9.25
Machinery & Transportation Equipment	$391.55	$391.82	$408.96	$ 0.27	$-17.41	41.0	40.9	42.6	0.1	-1.6	$ 9.55	$ 9.58	$ 9.60	$-0.30	$-0.05
Nondurable Goods	$343,76	$335.29	$350.00	$ 8.47	$ -6.24	40.3	39.4	40.0	0.9	0.3	$ 8.53	$ 8.51	$ 8.75	$ 0.02	$-0.22
Food & Kindred Prods.	$351.41	$342.28	$363.81	$ 9.13	$-12.40	41.1	39.8	40.2	1.3	0.9	$ 8.55	$ 8.60	$ 9.05	$-0.05	$-0.50
OMAHA MSA 4/ *															
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$367.08	$376.12	$382.03	$-9.04	$-14.95	39.9	40.4	41.3	-0.5	-1.4	$ 9.20	$ 9.31	$ 9.25	$-0.11	$-0.05
Durable Goods	$370.56	$395.01	$409.36	$-24.45	$-38.80	38.6	39.9	41.1	-1.3	-2.5	$ 9.60	$ 9.90	$ 9.96	$-0.30	$-0.36
Machinery & Transportation Equipment	$373.43	$420.65	$430.54	$-47.22	$-57.11	38.3	40.8	41.8	-2.5	-3.5	$ 9.75	$10.31	$10.30	$-0.56	$-0.55
Nondurable Goods	$362.03	$357.88	$357.32	$ 4.15	$ 4.71	41.0	40.9	41.5	0.1	-0.5	$ 8.83	$ 8.75	$ 8.61	$ 0.08	$ 0.22
Food & Kindred Prods.	$394.80	$398.18	$395.81	$-3.38	$ -1.01	42.0	43.0	43.4	-1.0	-1.4	$ 9.40	$ 9.26	$ 9.12	$ 0.14	$ 0.28
LINCOLN MSA 5/															
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$374.33	$371.85	$381.41	$ 2.48	$ -7.08	40.6	40.2	41.1	0.4	-0.5	$ 9.22	$ 9.25	$ 9.23	$-0.03	$-0.01
Durable Goods	$350.17	$343.66	$344.46	$ 6.51	$ 5.71	41.1	40.1	40.1	1.0	1.0	$ 8.52	$8.57	$ 8.59	$ 0.05	$-0.07
Machinery & Transportation Equipment	$374.85	$367.43	$361.67	$ 7.24	$ 13.18	40.7	40.2	39.7	0.5	1.0	$ 9.21	$ 9.14	$ 9.11	$ 0.07	$ 0.10
Nondurable Goods	$391.95	$394.71	$408.39	$-2.76	$-16.44	40.2	40.4	41.8	-0.2	-1.6	$ 9.75	$ 9.77	$ 9.77	$-0.02	$-0.02
Food & Kindred Prods.	$405.38	$389.82	$389.42	$15.56	$ 15.96	45.6	43.8	45.6	1.8	0.0	$ 8.89	$ 8.90	$ 8.54	$-0.01	$ 0.35

1/ Source of Data: Current Employment Statistics Program. 2/ Preliminary 3/ Revised

4/ Omaha MSA defined as Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa.

5/ Lincoln MSA defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: Additional more detailed information available upon request.

* Beginning with January data, the Omaha MSA will include Washington County.

ESTIMATES OF OMAHA MSA**1 NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DATA **2
JOB COUNT - WORKERS BY INDUSTRY *6

INDUSTRY	DEC **3 1984	NOV **4 1984	DEC **4 1983	CHANGE FROM NOV 1984	CHANGE FROM DEC 1984	PERCENT CHANGE FROM DEC 1983
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	274,927	275,883	267,028	-956	+7,899	+3.0
MANUFACTURING	36,199	36,371	35,331	-172	+868	+2.5
DURABLE GOODS	18,152	18,223	16,706	-71	+1,446	+8.7
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	736	751	820	-15	-84	-10.2
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FURNITURE	272	272	283	+0	-11	-3.9
STONE, CLAY, GLASS & CONCRETE PRODUCTS	464	479	537	-15	-73	-13.6
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	1,679	1,667	1,520	+12	+159	+10.5
METALS	2,367	2,343	2,347	+24	+20	+.9
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	756	776	648	-20	+108	+16.7
FABRICATED METAL PROD., EXCEPT MACH. & TRANSP. EQUIP.	1,611	1,567	1,699	+44	-88	-5.2
MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	5,346	5,368	5,017	-22	+329	+6.6
FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	1,695	1,700	1,635	-5	+60	+3.7
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	5,535	5,535	4,608	+0	+927	+20.1
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	871	979	867	-108	+4	+.5
MOTOR VEHICLES & MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	647	761	615	-114	+32	+5.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS, TOYS & SPORTING GOODS, COSTUME JEWELRY & NOTIONS, ETC.)	1,618	1,580	1,527	+38	+91	+6.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	18,047	18,148	18,625	-101	-578	-3.1
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	10,259	10,338	10,735	-79	-476	-4.4
MEAT PRODUCTS	4,131	4,270	4,403	-139	-272	-6.2
DAIRY PRODUCTS	455	455	412	+0	+43	+10.4
GRAIN MILL	1,599	1,563	1,616	+36	-17	-1.1
OTHER FOOD PROD. (INCL. CANNED & PRESERVED PROD., BAKERY PROD., SUGAR & CONFECT. PROD., BEVERAGES, ETC.)	4,074	4,050	4,304	+24	-230	-5.3
TEXTILE PRODUCTS & APPAREL	534	530	542	+4	-8	-1.5
PRINTING, PUBLISHING & ALLIED INDUSTRIES	3,765	3,745	3,806	+20	-41	-1.1
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	1,160	1,146	1,203	+14	-43	-3.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING RUBBER & MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS, PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS, ETC.)	2,329	2,389	2,339	-60	-10	-.4
NONMANUFACTURING	238,728	239,512	231,697	-784	+7,031	+3.0
MINING	184	187	150	-3	+34	+22.7
CONSTRUCTION	9,498	10,479	8,322	-981	+1,176	+14.1
BUILDING CONST. - GEN. CONT. & OPERATIVE BUILDERS	2,835	3,467	2,106	-632	+729	+34.6
CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN BLDG. CONST. - GEN. CONTRACTORS	1,243	1,452	993	-209	+250	+25.2
CONSTRUCTION - SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	5,420	5,560	5,223	-140	+197	+3.8
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	22,174	22,196	22,674	-22	-500	-2.2
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	5,172	5,172	4,988	+0	+184	+3.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING BUSES AND TAXICABS, MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING, ETC.)	8,765	8,794	8,376	-29	+389	+4.6
COMMUNICATION & ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	8,237	8,230	9,310	+7	-1,073	-11.5

TRADE	69,526	68,884	68,518	+642	+1,008	+1.5
WHOLESALE	20,953	20,922	20,930	+31	+23	+.1
DURABLE GOODS	11,931	11,985	12,129	-54	-198	-1.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,022	8,937	8,801	+85	+221	+2.5
RETAIL	48,573	47,962	47,588	+611	+985	+2.1
BLDG. MAT., HARDWARE, GARDEN SUPPLY & MOBILE HOME DEALERS	1,566	1,549	1,499	+17	+67	+4.5
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	9,266	8,832	8,405	+434	+861	+10.2
FOOD STORES	6,239	6,177	6,372	+62	-133	-2.1
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS & GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS	4,984	4,997	4,635	-13	+349	+7.5
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2,542	2,483	2,593	+59	-51	-2.0
FURNITURE, HOME FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT STORES	1,802	1,771	1,789	+31	+13	+.7
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	16,915	16,979	17,011	-64	-96	-.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	5,259	5,174	5,284	+85	-25	-.5
DRUG STORES & PROPRIETARY STORES	1,640	1,620	1,646	+20	-6	-.4
OTHER MISCEL. RETAIL (INCLUDING LIQUOR STORES, SPORTING GOOD STORES, JEWELRY, FLORISTS, ETC.)	3,619	3,554	3,638	+65	-19	-.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	25,248	25,330	24,212	-82	+1,036	+4.3
BANKING	4,249	4,241	4,100	+8	+149	+3.6
INSURANCE	14,867	14,931	14,120	-64	+747	+5.3
REAL ESTATE	2,341	2,368	2,390	-27	-49	-2.1
OTHER FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE (INCL. CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS, SECURITY & COMMODITY EXCH. & SVCS., ETC.)	3,791	3,790	3,602	+1	+189	+5.2
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	66,766	66,933	64,128	-167	+2,638	+4.1
HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, CAMPS & OTHER LODGING PLACES	2,777	2,787	2,666	-10	+111	+4.2
PERSONAL SERVICES	3,498	3,532	3,279	-34	+219	+6.7
BUSINESS SERVICES	17,930	17,420	15,197	+510	+2,733	+18.0
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES & GARAGES	2,155	2,130	2,259	+25	-104	-4.6
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION	2,838	2,860	2,525	-22	+313	+12.4
HEALTH SERVICES	19,790	19,914	20,882	-124	-1,092	-5.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4,913	5,289	4,789	-376	+124	+2.6
SOCIAL SERVICES	3,657	3,693	3,564	-36	+93	+2.6
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	3,044	3,029	3,015	+15	+29	+1.0
OTHER SERVICES (INCLUDING LEGAL & OTHER PROF. SERVICES, MISC. REPAIR SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, ETC.)	6,164	6,279	5,952	-115	+212	+3.6
GOVERNMENT	45,332	45,503	43,693	-171	+1,639	+3.8
FEDERAL	8,838	8,696	8,582	+142	+256	+3.0
STATE	8,633	8,591	8,562	+42	+71	+.8
LOCAL **5	27,861	28,216	26,549	-355	+1,312	+4.9

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ESTIMATES OF LINCOLN MSA**1 NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DATA **2
JOB COUNT - WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	DEC **3 1984	NOV **4 1984	DEC **4 1983	CHANGE FROM NOV 1984	CHANGE FROM DEC 1984	PERCENT CHANGE FROM DEC 1983
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	100,388	100,696	97,122	-308	+3,266	+3.4
MANUFACTURING	12,365	12,443	11,778	-78	+587	+5.0
DURABLE GOODS	5,291	5,384	5,086	-93	+205	+4.0
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	583	597	503	-14	+80	+15.9
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FURNITURE	221	225	194	-4	+27	+13.9
STONE, CLAY, GLASS & CONCRETE PRODUCTS	362	372	309	-10	+53	+17.2
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	9	9	9	+0	+0	+.0
METALS	795	796	776	-1	+19	+2.4
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	80	75	58	+5	+22	+37.9
FABRICATED METAL PROD., EXCEPT MACH. & TRANSP. EQUIP.	715	721	718	-6	-3	-.4
MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	569	585	459	-16	+110	+24.0
FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	7	7	11	+0	-4	-36.4
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	1,331	1,380	1,352	-49	-21	-1.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	1,513	1,524	1,523	-11	-10	-.7
MOTOR VEHICLES & MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	**5	**5	**5			
OTHER DURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS, TOYS & SPORTING GOODS, COSTUME JEWELRY & NOTIONS, ETC.)	491	493	464	-2	+27	+5.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	7,074	7,059	6,692	+15	+382	+5.7
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	1,140	1,148	1,235	-8	-95	-7.7
MEAT PRODUCTS	**5	**5	**5			
DAIRY PRODUCTS	187	192	205	-5	-18	-8.8
GRAIN MILL	**5	**5	**5			
OTHER FOOD PROD. (INCL. CANNED & PRESERVED PROD., BAKERY PROD., SUGAR & CONFECT. PROD., BEVERAGES, ETC.)	693	696	723	-3	-30	-4.1
TEXTILE PRODUCTS & APPAREL	**5	**5	**5			
PRINTING, PUBLISHING & ALLIED INDUSTRIES	2,354	2,346	2,145	+8	+209	+9.7
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	1,288	1,288	1,138	+0	+150	+13.2
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING RUBBER & MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS, PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS, ETC.)	**5	**5	**5			
NONMANUFACTURING	88,023	88,253	85,344	-230	+2,679	+3.1
MINING	**5	**5	**5			
CONSTRUCTION	3,269	3,495	2,788	-226	+481	+17.3
BUILDING CONST. - GEN. CONT. & OPERATIVE BUILDERS	787	851	782	-64	+5	+.6
CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN BLDG. CONST. - GEN. CONTRACTORS	762	866	481	-104	+281	+58.4
CONSTRUCTION - SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	1,720	1,778	1,525	-58	+195	+12.8
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	6,349	6,321	6,270	+28	+79	+1.3
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	2,276	2,276	2,015	+0	+261	+13.0
OTHER TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING BUSES AND TAXICABS, MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING, ETC.)	1,312	1,298	1,310	+14	+2	+.2
COMMUNICATION & ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	2,761	2,747	2,945	+14	-184	-6.2

TRADE	21,659	21,551	21,533	+108	+126	+.6
WHOLESALE	4,463	4,524	4,500	-61	-37	-.8
DURABLE GOODS	2,289	2,313	2,321	-24	-32	-1.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,174	2,211	2,179	-37	-5	-.2
RETAIL	17,196	17,027	17,033	+169	+163	+1.0
BLDG. MAT., HARDWARE, GARDEN SUPPLY & MOBILE HOME DEALERS	579	577	558	+2	+21	+3.8
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	2,950	2,804	2,666	+146	+284	+10.7
FOOD STORES	2,145	2,137	2,004	+8	+141	+7.0
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS & GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS	1,947	1,959	1,948	-12	-1	-.1
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	945	923	1,001	+22	-56	-5.6
FURNITURE, HOME FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT STORES	603	599	577	+4	+26	+4.5
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	6,099	6,152	6,190	-53	-91	-1.5
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	1,928	1,876	2,089	+52	-161	-7.7
DRUG STORES & PROPRIETARY STORES	470	472	570	-2	-100	-17.5
OTHER MISCEL. RETAIL (INCLUDING LIQUOR STORES, SPORTING GOOD STORES, JEWELRY, FLORISTS, ETC.)	1,458	1,404	1,519	+54	-61	-4.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	7,490	7,381	7,006	+109	+484	+6.9
BANKING	1,390	1,374	1,352	+16	+38	+2.8
INSURANCE	4,123	4,041	3,717	+82	+406	+10.9
REAL ESTATE	785	803	763	-18	+22	+2.9
OTHER FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE (INCL. CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS, SECURITY & COMMODITY EXCH. & SVCS., ETC.)	1,192	1,163	1,174	+29	+18	+1.5
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	20,023	20,189	19,144	-166	+879	+4.6
HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, CAMPS & OTHER LODGING PLACES	685	707	732	-22	-47	-6.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	1,372	1,348	1,180	+24	+192	+16.3
BUSINESS SERVICES	4,505	4,494	3,966	+11	+539	+13.6
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES & GARAGES	453	453	449	+0	+4	+.9
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION	859	912	846	-53	+13	+1.5
HEALTH SERVICES	6,021	6,039	5,940	-18	+81	+1.4
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1,215	1,215	1,404	+0	-189	-13.5
SOCIAL SERVICES	961	953	888	+8	+73	+8.2
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	2,107	2,140	1,906	-33	+201	+10.5
OTHER SERVICES (INCLUDING LEGAL & OTHER PROF. SERVICES, MISC. REPAIR SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, ETC.)	1,845	1,928	1,833	-83	+12	+.7
GOVERNMENT	29,209	29,288	28,578	-79	+631	+2.2
FEDERAL	2,010	2,022	2,016	-12	-6	-.3
STATE	16,926	16,876	16,577	+50	+349	+2.1
LOCAL **6	10,273	10,390	9,985	-117	+288	+2.9

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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U,S, Department of Labor reported today. The December level of 315.5 (1967=100) was 4.0 percent higher than the index in December 1983.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.1 percent in December, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 312.2 (1967=100). For the 12-month period ending in December, the CPI-W increased 3.5 percent. The CPI-W is used for indexing Social Security and some other Federal payments. It is also commonly used as an escalator in collective bargaining agreements.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-- Seasonally Adjusted Changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for All Urban Consumers rose 0.2 percent in December, the same as in November. The behavior of each of the major groups was also generally the same in both months, with apparel prices declining in each, and the other major groups registering moderate increases.

For the 12-month period ending in December, the CPI-U advanced 4.0 percent. This compares with calendar year increases (December-December) of 3.9 percent in 1982 and 3.8 percent in 1983 and continued the relatively moderate pattern of price movement evident since the slowdown in prices began in the fourth quarter of 1981. While the overall increases in the past 3 years have been virtually the same, the composition of each has been different. In particular, the moderation has become more broadly based in each successive year. Declines in energy commodities -- motor fuel, fuel oil, coal, and bottled gas -- and small increases in grocery store foods and shelter had been largely responsible for reducing the 1982 all items increase to 3.9 percent. All other items in the CPI, however, posted an average increase of 6.6 percent in 1982. By 1984, energy commodity prices were declining more slowly (down 1.9 percent) and increases for shelter (up 5.2 percent) and grocery store foods (up 3.6 percent) were somewhat larger than in 1982. The average increase during 1984 for all other items, however, was lowered to only 4.3 percent.

The food and beverage component registered a 0.3 percent increase in December, Grocery store food prices rose 0.2 percent, slightly more than in November. A 1.2 percent increase in the index for meats, poultry. fish and eggs more than offset a 1.9 percent decline in fruit and vegetable prices. Beef and pork prices advanced substantially more than in recent months, while poultry prices turned up in December. Beef and pork prices, which declined in 1983, rose 3.8 and 6.0 percent, respectively, in 1984. Poultry prices, however, rose only 1.9 percent in 1984 after increasing 10.2 percent in 1983. A sharp decline in fresh vegetable prices in December--down 6.7 percent--more than offset small increases in prices for fresh fruits and processed fruits and vegetables. During the past 12 months, fresh vegetable prices declined 6.9 percent while prices for fresh fruits, reflecting the effects of the late 1983 freeze, rose 22.6 percent. Among the other grocery store food groups, prices for cereal and bakery and dairy products rose 0.6 and 0.5 respectively in December. The other two components of the food and beverage component -- restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages -- rose 0.6 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in December, following a 0.3 percent increase in November. The index for fuel and other utilities, which had registered a small increase in November, declined 0.4 percent in December and was responsible for the slowdown. Fuel oil prices, which declined slightly in November, decreased 1.3 percent. Charges for electricity declined 0.5 percent after advancing in November. On the other hand, charges for natural gas were unchanged, following the declines in each of the preceding 3 months. The index for household fuels increased 2.7 percent in the 12 months ending in December, fuel oil prices were unchanged, while charges for natural gas rose 0.8 percent and charges for electricity increased 5.6 percent. Among other utilities, the cost of telephone services

reflecting decreases in local charges and intrastate toll calls, declined 0.4 percent in December. Despite this drop, the cost of telephone services advanced 9.2 percent in 1984, with a 17.1 percent increase in local charges. The other two major housing groups -- shelter and household furnishings and operations -- both recorded the same increase in December as in the preceding 2 months. Shelter costs rose 0.4 percent, with renters' costs advancing 0.5 percent, homeowners' costs 0.4 percent, and maintenance and repair costs 0.4 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.1 percent.

Table A. Percent Changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally Adjusted								Unadjusted
	Change From Preceding Month							Compound Annual Rate	12-mos.
	1984							3-mos. ended	ended
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.'84	Dec.'84
All items	.2	.3	.5	.4	.4	.2	.2	3.1	4.0
Food and beverages	.1	.3	.6	-.1	.4	.2	.3	3.8	3.7
Housing	.2	.5	.6	.4	.1	.3	.1	2.0	4.2
Apparel and upkeep	.3	.5	.9	.6	.5	-.1	-.3	.6	2.0
Transportation	-.2	.3	.0	.5	.7	.1	.1	3.6	3.1
Medical care	.5	.6	.3	.3	.5	.4	.3	5.1	6.1
Entertainment	.5	.5	.5	.4	.4	.5	.5	5.7	4.2
Other goods and Services	.7	.9	.4	.4	.4	.5	.4	5.0	6.1

NOTE: As announced in October 1981, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will change the treatment of homeownership costs in the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) effective with release of data for January 1985 on February 26.

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SDA	MO/YR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
OMAHA	12 84	256,923	244,467	12,456	4.8
	11 84	255,459	244,572	10,887	4.3
	12 83	248,730	236,516	12,214	4.9
LINCOLN	12 84	119,413	115,180	4,233	3.5
	11 84	118,956	115,437	3,519	3.0
	12 83	114,403	110,037	4,366	3.8
GREATER NEBRASKA	12 84	416,540	393,749	22,791	5.5
	11 84	421,134	401,541	19,593	4.7
	12 83	398,446	377,338	21,108	5.3
STATEWIDE TOTALS	12 84	792,876	753,396	39,480	5.0
	11 84	795,549	761,550	33,999	4.3
	12 83	761,579	723,891	37,688	4.9

OMAHA SDA = DOUGLAS, SARPY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES
LINCOLN SDA = LANCASTER AND SAUNDERS COUNTIES
GREATER NEBRASKA = ALL OTHER NEBRASKA COUNTIES

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PLANNING DISTRICT	MO/YR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
PANHANDLE REGION	12 84	47,286	44,851	2,435	5.1
	11 84	47,827	45,582	2,245	4.7
	12 83	45,204	42,799	2,405	5.3
MID-PLAINS REGION	12 84	56,910	53,401	3,509	6.2
	11 84	57,592	54,484	3,108	5.4
	12 83	54,200	51,005	3,195	5.9
CENTRAL REGION	12 84	109,678	103,988	5,690	5.2
	11 84	110,441	105,779	4,662	4.2
	12 83	104,273	99,305	4,968	4.8
SOUTHEAST REGION	12 84	199,064	190,796	8,268	4.2
	11 84	199,518	192,649	6,869	3.4
	12 83	190,897	182,638	8,259	4.3
NORTHEAST REGION	12 84	379,938	360,360	19,578	5.2
	11 84	380,171	363,056	17,115	4.5
	12 83	367,005	348,144	18,861	5.1

SOUTHEAST REGION = INCLUDES LINCOLN SDA
NORTHEAST REGION = INCLUDES OMAHA SDA